

Is Jesus "It"?



Week 5 of 5

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JOHN 6:66 // PRAY

TEXT: John 6:66 [p. 742]

THOSE WHO JOURNEY WITH JESUS REACH THIS POINT... uncomfortable + unacceptable
The moment of crisis / decision / biggest question of all!

THE BIGGEST QUESTION:

Will I *trust* Jesus?

HARSH • PROFOUND • COMPELLING // FULLY UNIQUE IN HISTORY // WILL I TRUST HIM IN THIS?

CONTEXT: John 6:1-15, 25-71

TRUST BARRIER #1: Intellectual

I can trust the witnesses of Jesus for these reasons:

- ▮ Their verifiable **accuracy**.
- ▮ Their self-denigrating **honesty**
- ▮ Their **countercultural** honesty
- ▮ Their **martyrdom**

I can trust the claims of Jesus for these reasons:

- ▮ Universal positive **acceptance**
- ▮ Radical Biblical **Consistency**
- ▮ **Resurrection**

HAVE THE INTELLECTUAL QUESTIONS BEEN ANSWERED? WILL YOU TRUST? Q & A NOW.

TRUST BARRIER #2: Emotional

John 6:25-71

something must outweigh the disgust in order for me to stay... love // DIAPER.

"You have the words of eternal life..."

John 6:68

Jen's emails are "words of life" // COLD & STRAWBERRIES
But how much more Jesus!

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

John 6:63

YOUR LOVE + HIS WORDS = REAL LIFE! // stay close enough, long enough to love, listen, live!

DO YOU HAVE THE EMOTIONAL PART DOWN? WILL YOU TRUST HIM?

TRUST BARRIER #3: Spiritual

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day..."

John 6:43-44

IF YOUR INTELLECT ISN'T SATISFIED / IF YOUR HEART HAS NO LOVE / PERHAPS THIS BARRIER
(NOT EVERY QUESTION ANSWERED BUT EVERY DEMAND RELEASED)

ILL: As a pastor, I talk to a lot of people... "Yep, God's just not working in you. Not calling you."
Maybe the Father hasn't empowered you... or maybe... today

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28

THIS TABLE IS THE TABLE OF TRUST, LOVE, FAITH, COMMITMENT // OF EATING FLESH AND BLOOD
NOT IN A LITERAL SENSE, BUT DEEPLY SYMBOLIC